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## NOTES AND NEWS.

The Peary Arctic Club sends the following communications:

I.—The Peary Arctic Club, having received and read Mr. Peary's report, dated Etah, Greenland, Aug. 28, 1899, of his work for the previous year, records its admiration for his courage, activity and persistence; congratulates him on his brilliant and highly valuable achievements, and pledges its unfaltering support to the remaining work of the expedition.

II.—The Peary Arctic Club records its sense of loss to its councils by the death, Sept. 19, 1899, of Hon. Charles P. Daly, member of its executive committee, and tenders to the American Geographical Society, of which he had been for many years the honored president, its tribute of respect to his memory and character. In Judge Daly's early recognition and constant approval Mr. Peary found most valuable encouragement in his Arctic work.

BARON NORDENSKIÖLD'S LIBRARY.—Baron Nordenskiöld, who is soon to retire as professor emeritus from his chair at the Royal Academy of Science, Stockholm, offers his library for sale for the sum of sixty thousand dollars.

The geographical part of the collection is the work of personal researches continued for thirty years, and consists of four thousand volumes of selected old geographical literature, or later works treating of the time of the great discoveries, besides modern books on general geography, as well as many reviews.

These books were used in Nordenskiöld's researches and studies, which resulted in the production of his two great works, the Facsimile Atlas (1889) and the Periplus (1897).

Of early maps the collection has several hundred printed before the year 1500, five to six thousand between 1500 and 1600, and many rare charts of later date; of Ptolemy, all the fifteenth century editions and all but one of those of the sixteenth; and eighty-seven of the very rare books described in HARRISSE'S *Bibliotheca Americana Vetustissima*, besides a hundred and thirty incunabula.

The Annual Meeting of the Society, which will be held on the 22d of January, 1900, will be devoted to the commemoration of the life and character of the late President, Charles P. Daly. The Hon. George M. Van Hoesen, Prof. William Libbey, the Hon. Abram S. Hewitt and other distinguished speakers will address the Society.

On the 19th of February Prof. T. C. Mendenhall, President of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, will deliver an address on the Alaska Boundary.

On the 19th of March President Schurman, of Cornell University, will address the Society on the subject of the Philippine Islands and their people.

Mr. H. L. Bridgman, commander of the *Diana* Expedition in 1899, will describe to the Society, on the 16th of April, the events of the cruise and the results of Peary's work in the Arctic during the season of 1898-99.